Separate budget for agriculture

†3050. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring an independent and separate agriculture budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the matter has progressed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(c) The matters relating to the agriculture are included in the State List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. The primary responsibility of implementation of policies and programmes for development of agriculture, therefore, lies with the State Governments. The role performed by the Central Government is essential only supplementary in nature. There is, therefore, no felt need to present a separate Union Budget for agriculture.

NCF report on farmers' suicide

3051. PROF P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Farmers has brought out a report on the farmers' suicides in the country;

(b) if so, the salient findings thereof;

(c) whether any suggestions were also made to stem the tide of rising number of farmers' suicides in the country; and

(d) the details of such suggestions made by the Commission and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The National Commission on

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